LCB File No. R163-12

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

The Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2013, connected by videoconference at the following locations: Grant Sawyer Building, Room 4406, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada and Nevada Legislature, Room 2134, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption and amendment of regulations that pertain to chapter 641A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment.

Section 1 of the proposed regulation adds a procedure to follow to suspend or terminate supervisor agreements between interns and approved supervisors.

Section 2 641A.085: The proposed changes to NAC 641A.085 are needed to clarify the descriptions of courses of study and that years of experience as a licensed marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor may be considered in lieu of specific academic courses.

Section 3 641A.146: The proposed changes to NAC 641A.146 revise provisions concerning termination of internships for failure to file semiannual reports and clarify the procedures for interns who fail to complete internship after one three year extension.

Section 4 641A.182: The proposed changes to NAC 641A.182 are needed to provide clarification to the qualifications for approved supervisors.

Section 5 641A.252: The proposed change to NAC 641A.252 is needed to update the references and links to the current AAMFT Code of Ethics of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the current Code of Ethics of the National Board for Certified Counselors.

2. A statement explaining how to obtain the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation prepared by the Legislative Counsel pursuant to NRS 233B.063.

A copy of the proposed amendment to the regulation is attached to this notice.

3. The methods used by the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors in determining the impact on a small business prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(3).

The method used by the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors in determining the impact on a small business was to examine whether or not the practice of the marriage and family therapists and clinical professional counselors which the Board regulates will have their practice impacted. On the whole, a marriage and family therapist's or a clinical professional counselor's practice will not be impacted to any degree that a small business would feel an impact.

4. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public:

(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects;

There will be no adverse economic effect of these regulations on the businesses which it is to regulate (marriage and family therapists and clinical professional counselors) or the public. The amendment of the regulations will benefit the marriage and family therapists and clinical professional counselors to be regulated and the public by providing clarification to the regulations.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects.

These regulations will have immediate and long-term beneficial effects through the clarification of the regulations.

5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There will be no cost incurred by the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors for enforcement of the proposed regulations.

6. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.

The Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors is not aware of any similar regulations of other state or local government agencies that the proposed regulations overlap or duplicate.

7. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.

The Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors is not aware of these regulations being required by federal law.

8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

The Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors is not aware of any similar federal regulations of the same activity in which the regulations are more stringent.

9. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

These regulations do not provide a new or increase of fees.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors may appear at the public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, P.O. Box 370130, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134, or at the e-mail address: nvmftbd@mftbd.nv.gov. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors by December 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted and amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspections by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be adopted and amended will be available at the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, 9436 W. Lake Mead Blvd, Suite 11-J, Las Vegas, Nevada, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are available on the Board's website at www.marriage.state.nv.us. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet http://www.leg.state.nv.us. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

A copy of this notice of intent to act upon a regulation has been mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list, which has been kept by the Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors for this purpose.

This notice of intent to act upon a regulation has been posted at the following locations:

Nevada Board of Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors 9436 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Suite 11-K Las Vegas, NV 89134 State Library and Archives 100 North Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89701

Carson City Library 900 North Roop Street Carson City, NV 89701 Churchill County Library 553 South Main Street Fallon, NV 89406

Douglas County Library 1625 Library Lane Minden, NV 89423 Elko County Library 720 Court Street Elko, NV 89801

Esmeralda County Library Corner of Crook & 4th Streets P.O. Box 430 Goldfield, NV 89013 Eureka County Library P.O. Box 293 Eureka, NV 89316

Humboldt County Library 85 East 5th Street Winnemucca, NV 89445 Battle Mountain Branch Library 625 South Broad Street Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Lincoln County Library 63 Main Street Pioche, NV 89043

Lyon County Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

Mineral County Public Library 110 1st Street Hawthorne, NV 89415 Pershing County Library 1125 Central Avenue Lovelock, NV 89419

Storey County Public Library 95 South R Street Virginia City, NV 89440 Tonopah Public Library 167 Central Street Tonopah, NV 89049 Washoe County Library 301 South Center Street Reno, NV 89501

Grant Sawyer Building 555 E. Washington Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 White Pine County Library 950 Campton Street Ely, NV 89301

Legislative Building 401 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701